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GOODS USED IN AN ANALYZER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Three-month Extension of Time, to and including June 23, 2005, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, in the above-identified application. Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1020.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

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